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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. Among them, claims 1-12 and 23-29 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 13-22 were rejected in the outstanding office action. Claim 13 has been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the Applicants regard as their invention. The applicants respectfully believe that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **May 20, 2003**.

The basis of the amendment in Claim 13 is found at page 8, lines 4-8 of the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35USC102

(1) Claims 13, 15 and 18-22 were rejected under 35U.S.C.102(b) as being anticipated by Murase et al. (JP2000-086990).

Claim 13 is amended to specify, "wherein the silane coupling agent has at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of epoxy, methacryl, acryl, isocyanate, isocyanurate, vinyl and carbamate groups." Murase et al. does not teach the features of amended claim 13. Thus, amended claim 13 is not anticipated by Murase et al.

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(2) Claims 13, 15 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shiina et al. (JP2000-073010).

Claim 13 specifies, "wherein the silane coupling agent has at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of epoxy, methacryl, acryl, isocyanate, isocyanurate, vinyl and carbamate groups." Shiina et al. does not teach or suggest the features of amended claim 13.

(3) Claims 13-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okamoto et al. (U.S. 6,451,439).

The office action states that Okamoto et al. disclose applying a curable composition comprising hydrocarbon polymer, more specifically polyisobutylene as instantly claimed (Example 6). Contrary to the examiner's statement, Okamoto et al. do not disclose or suggest applying a curable composition comprising a hydrocarbon polymer having at least one alkenyl group per molecule onto the primed substrate, as recited in claim 13. Okamoto merely disclose applying a sealing composition containing a hydrocarbon polymer having a reactive silicon-containing group onto the primed substrate. See col. 15, lines 44-67. In addition, Example 6 of Okamoto et al. does not mention any alkenyl-containing hydrocarbon polymer.

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It is noted that Okamoto et al. disclose an allyl-terminated isobutylene polymer in Production Examples 1 and 2, but this allyl-terminated isobutylene polymer is a starting material, which is prepared into a reactive silicon-containing isobutylene polymer. All the sealing compositions used in the Examples of Okamoto et al. contain the reactive silicon-containing isobutylene polymer, but do not contain any allyl-terminated isobutylene polymer of the present invention. See col. 18, lines 13-52, and in particular, lines 33-34.

In view of the aforementioned amendment and accompanying remarks, claims 13-22, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

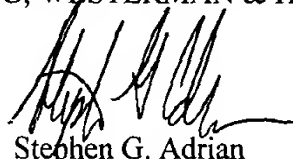
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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